

# Court Decision On Tax Aid To Schools Criticized

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NASHVILLE (BP) — The recent 5-4 Supreme Court decision allowing use of tax money by religious colleges has drawn sharp criticism from several Southern Baptist leaders as a "return to taxation without representation... a cruel irony in this Bicentennial year."

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Foy Valentine of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, told Baptist Press they agree with a recent statement by leading Texas Baptists opposing the Southern Court decision.

Sullivan called the Supreme Court decision a "bold violation of the principle of separation of church and state." Valentine said use of tax money by religious institutions "is now legal but not now right" and urged Baptist institutions to turn down use of it.

The Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission approved a statement, joined by Texas Baptist President James G. Harris of Fort Worth and Texas Baptist Executive Director James H. Landes of Dallas, which declared: "It is gravely immoral for church-related institutions of higher learning to accept aid which

has been taken by the duress of the tax gathering process. Thomas Jefferson said, 'To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions he disbelieves is sinful and tyrannical.'"

"Institutions with the strongest sort of sectarian special interests will totally escape public control over the tax dollars they receive," the statement continued.

"The Court's approval of the use of public funds for 'nonreligious purposes' is meaningless—a thin veil that does not hide the inevitable shuffling of accounts," it continued. "Money is obviously

freed for religious purposes. The principle of church-state separation could be reduced to alack accounting, simply moving money from one pocket to another."

Applying the ruling to Baptist schools, the statement said: "If Baptist colleges are not openly and boldly religious institutions, they should refuse tithes and offerings from the churches. If they are evangelistic and missionary, they should turn down tax dollars. Baptists will surely reject state aid for our colleges," the statement continued. "Our belief in separation of church and state is a matter of principle. Before the

Constitution was written, separation as a safeguard for religious liberty was a Baptist doctrine. It is not simply a question of Constitutional law. The Baptist General Convention of Texas repeatedly has made it clear that our institutions refusal of public funds is an issue of morality, not merely legality."

Valentine, whose agency deals with citizenship and other social concerns, said of the decision and its relation to Southern Baptists: "The Christian citizenship of Southern Baptists is about to be tested as by fire."

Calling the 5-4 decision "a griev-

ously divided" one, Valentine said, "This can be one of Southern Baptists' finest hours. We must continue our Baptist commitment to the great principle of separation of church and state. We must decline 'Caesar's' offer to gather money from all taxpayers to help us perform our Christian ministries."

"This is the perfect opportunity and ideal time for Southern Baptists to reject the evil idea of taxation without representation. Christian citizenship is truly an unfinished task to which we must now set our hands anew."



Leaders Honored

Two Home Mission Board leaders have received Alumni Faculty Awards from New Orleans Seminary. Both Fred Moseley (left) and William L. Clark are native Mississippians. Moseley, assistant executive secretary-treasurer, received his award in 1967 for "distinguished service in denominational leadership," and Clark, head of the HMB's chaplaincy division, received his award this year for a "distinguished ministry in the military chaplaincy and denominational leadership."

## Filmstrips, Programs To Promote State Missions

A filmstrip set promoting the season of prayer for state missions and the Margaret Lackey state missions offering will be mailed to each pastor in the state in August, according to Dr.

## SBC Cooperative Program Running 13.65% Ahead

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget has collected \$35,127,028 through the first nine months of the 1975-76 fiscal year — 13.65 percent ahead of \$30,909,028 given at the same point last year.

Total gifts from nearly 35,000 Southern Baptist churches in 50 states amounted to \$72,534,774 through the first nine months. That figure, which is 12.05 percent ahead of last year, includes the \$35,127,028 Cooperative Program figure and \$37,407,746 in designated contributions. The designated gifts are running 10.59 percent ahead of last year.

In the month of June, alone, the Cooperative Program amounted to \$3,637,350, according to Billy D. Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. That represents an 8.65 percent increase over last June, when Southern Baptists gave \$3,347,910.

Adding another \$3,361,702 in designated gifts in June, Southern Baptists gave a total of \$6,999,051 in June — a 25.70 percent increase over June of the 1974-75 fiscal year. The designated portion alone represented a 51.42 percent increase.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The season of prayer for state missions is Sept. 12-15. The Margaret Lackey offering for state missions is concurrent with the week of prayer and is promoted by the week of prayer program material.

Additional program material for the week of prayer will be sent to every pastor and Woman's Missionary Union president in the state late this month, according to Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary for the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. This will include the program booklet, the envelopes for the offering, and the prayer cards, she indicated.

The week of prayer and the offering are sponsored by the WMU (Continued on page 2)

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## Foreign Board Appoints 33; Names New Staff Members

By Charlie Warren  
RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Foreign Mission Board appointed 33 missionaries, appropriated \$36,000 for world relief, and named two department heads and two field representatives during its July meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

The board also employed two special project workers, heard announcements about the beginning of Southern Baptist mission

work in Nicaragua, Belize, and Eastern Europe, and voted to change the title of the board's chief executive from executive secretary to executive director.

In other action, the board authorized a new position for an associate to the consultant in evangelism and church development and appropriated \$500,000 from current funds for a new addition to the headquarters building in Richmond, Va. The \$500,000 will be

added to funds already designated for a new addition. The board also authorized a contract with an architectural firm for the structures design.

William W. (Bill) Marshall, a Southern Baptist missionary since 1969, was named secretary of the board's department of furlough ministries, effective immediately. William R. O'Brien, pastor of Lake Country Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., and former mis-

sionary to Indonesia, will be secretary of the newly created department of denominational coordination, effective Aug. 1.

Both departments are part of the board's mission support division, which recently reorganized into four departments. A department headquarters in Richmond.

A Texan, O'Brien was born in Fort Worth and has lived in seven of missionary personnel and a department of communications are also included in the division.

The department of denominational coordination will relate to other Southern Baptist agencies and leaders in closer coordination and planning with the entire denomination. The department of furlough ministries will emphasize the effective use of furloughing missionaries for mission support and relate to these missionaries

Marshall, a native of Frankfort, Ky., has been stationed in Germany with his wife and three children. Prior to his transfer there, he was field representative for the Middle East, working with missionaries in 11 countries. Before appointment in 1969, Marshall was an associate secretary for missionary personnel at board (Continued on page 3)



Mr. and Mrs. South



Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle

## Southwestern Seminary Slates Oklahoma Center

FORT WORTH (BP) — South-

branch center offering fully accredited seminary training in the Oklahoma City area beginning this fall, according to Jesse Northcutt, vice president for academic affairs. The center will be the second one opened by Southwestern Seminary since last year when a similar program was begun in Houston, Tex., Northcutt said.

The latest program is a joint endeavor of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, which is fi-

## SBC 1976: A View From The Afterglow

By Robert O'Brien

NORFOLK (BP) — Still basking in the afterglow of a high-candlepower national spotlight, which radiated both heat and light here during these hectic mid-June days, Southern Baptist editors across the nation have started trying to interpret just what transpired during the 119th annual national meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Like a strong rubber band, the Southern Baptist Convention was stretched to new formations dur-

ing sessions in Norfolk... but always returned to its original shape of cooperation and abiding by the will of the majority," wrote Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr., associate editor of Louisiana's Baptist Message.

It was the sign of a denomination come of age. "The messengers to the SBC seemed to be growing in maturity," noted J. Everett Sneed, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine. The SBC showed "balance and poise," said James F. Cole, editor of the Bap-

tist Message.

The Ford invitation had drawn criticism of some in advance of the meeting on grounds that it was not wise in a political year to give a candidate a platform at the SBC. One state Baptist editor, Robert J. Hastings of Illinois, had urged the committee on order of business to withdraw the invitation. The committee, chaired by Maryland editor R. Gene Puckett, declined, saying Ford was invited not as a candidate but as President to speak on a Bicentennial emphasis.

With one notable exception — C. E. Daley, editor of Kentucky's Western Recorder — state Baptist editors, expressed general approval, in retrospect, of the Ford address. Hastings, echoing most of his colleagues, said Ford's message "was a high point of the convention. Refusing to use the platform as a political springboard, he paid what I took to be genuine praise of Baptists and

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## Search Committee Named To Seek Stetson President

DELAND, Fla. (BP) — A seven-man trustee search committee to seek a new president for Stetson University was named here by Douglas Stenstrom, chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist school.

Earl B. Edington of St. Petersburg was named chairman and Wendell Jarrard, Sr., of Deland, vice chairman, of the special committee responsible for finding a re-

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## More Abortion Cases Slated Next Session

WASHINGTON (BP) — Despite its recent major decision on abortion, the U. S. Supreme Court served notice here that it will rule on the controversial subject again next year.

Sitting for the final time in its current term, the high court announced that it will hear abortion cases from Missouri, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania sometime after it convenes in October.

The court also applied its recent rulings on spousal and parental consent for abortions to state laws in Florida and Pennsylvania.

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## Baptist Seminary Damaged During Fighting In Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary and one missionary residence were hit during recent fighting here, but still no Baptists have been killed or seriously injured.

David W. King, Southern Baptist missionary, reported heavy fighting close to the seminary, including two direct hits on the roof of the main building and several hits on the seminary grounds. The blasts broke most of the window panes in the main building and damaged the contents of two rooms, but no one was injured.

The home of the William O. Harn family suffered three direct hits, destroying most of the furniture. The Harns were not in Lebanon and the house was empty. King said the home would have to be rebuilt. King's own home received no serious damage, but he reported an olive tree near his house was "completely blown out of the ground."

The total number killed in Lebanon has now exceeded 20,000, according to King, who made his report during a telephone call to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters from Cyprus where his family had traveled by boat. They were enroute to Jordan for a

Southern Baptist missionaries, including K. Raglands, Mabel Summers and Emma Cooke, all associated with the Beirut Baptist School, which was to reopen the first week of July after being closed for two weeks.

"God has protected us in a marvelous way. We would not complain if we suffered some loss or material damage on our campus here," King had said earlier. "Because we believe that by simply being Christians we are not exempt from the sorrows and tragedies that accompany this life."

## Second Bus Fills For Fall Sunday School

SCHOOL WEEK

A second bus is filling for a fall Sunday School week at Clarks, according to Billy Hudgens, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department. One bus is full and there are 19

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## Gulfshore Ground Breaking

Some 30 shovels go to work as ground is broken for the new building to replace those swept away at Gulfshore assembly grounds in Hurricane Camille in 1969. In the background is a crane ready to begin construction work. (Additional pictures on page 2)





## Gulfshore Ground Breaking

Underneath the spreading trees and the hanging moss the crowd, gathered for the ground breaking

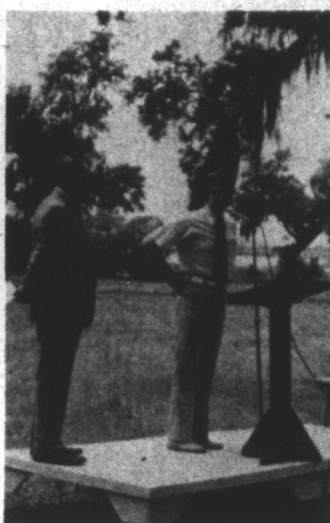
at Gulfshore, hears Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer.



Gene Triggs, right, Yazoo City, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, reminiscences about earlier days at Gulfshore.



Dr. Brooks Wester, right, chairman of the Gulfshore Construction Committee, describes the dream that became a reality.



Dr. Beverly Tinnin, right, chairman of the original study committee for the restoration of Gulfshore, tells how it all began.



The contractor for the new Gulfshore, Roy Anderson Jr., left, stands with two of the architects during ground breaking ceremonies. They are Doyle Wayman of Houston, Texas, and Chet Allred of Pascagoula.

# SBC 1976: A View From The Afterglow

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### Disappointing Day

For Daley, though, it was his "most disappointing day in 25 years of convention attendance." The Kentucky editor noted that the "President behaved becomingly," was "treated cordially and respectfully" and "read an excellent speech containing expressions of fundamental Baptist convictions." But he declared that the "security arrangements for the President's visit were understandable but to subject convention messengers to such treatment is deplorable."

Calling the presidential appearance "a case of civil religion in its classic form," Daley said that it should be "the first and last time a President is invited to speak to a Southern Baptist meeting, simply because he is President . . . Baptists as a minority group have never sought prestige and attention from visits of high political officials. And now as the largest evangelical group in America we should not risk selling our soul for a 30-minute visit of an appointed American president running for election."

But Bob S. Terry, editor of Missouri's Word and Way, wrote: "The convention did not endorse President Ford by having him on the program. In fact, a resolution was adopted which stated that the traditional policy of not endorsing candidates be affirmed. But the President's appearance constituted the highest form of praise for Baptist principles of religious liberty, morality in government and the personal relationship of every person to Jesus Christ."

Without exception, however, the editors agreed that while Norfolk area Baptists were to be commended, the Scope was too small. They agreed with a convention proposal, passed in Norfolk, which will limit future conventions to cities which can offer no less than 16,000 seats and 6,500 hotel rooms. At first it appeared SBC business would get sidetracked in the presidential hoopla. But it didn't.

### Significant Matters

"It is unfortunate that the 1976 SBC will be remembered as the year the President came," wrote Alvin C. Shackleford, editor of the Indiana Baptist, "when there were a number of significant matters on the agenda — the missions challenge for the remainder of the century; a study report on the operation of our SBC Executive Committee; the convention's first statement on homosexuality; an operating budget for our combined agencies which is increased nearly 20 percent above the previous year; and record messenger enrollment. . ."

Editorials in state Baptist papers expressed strong approval of such actions as voting of a \$55 million national Cooperative Program unified budget and approving recommendations to double the SBC mission force at home and abroad and bring the gospel to every one in the world by the year 2000. Except for some scattered comment about heated discussions surrounding it, the SBC action reaffirming its moderate position on abortion drew no opposition. And editors expressed general approval of stands against homosexuality, the teaching of Transcendental Meditation in public schools, government interference in church pension plans, advertising of beverage alcohol, and distribution of pornography.

But the editors were mixed in their views of whether the convention was "significant" or "not so significant," "good" or "great" or "not so spectacular." "Views of the convention, as always, are

determined by the mind-set of the beholder," explained James Langley, editor of the Capital Baptist of the D. C. Convention. "Some came away inspired by challenging speakers and stirring music. Others found little of the courageous and prophetic, and no real 'rocking of the boat'."

### Not Enough Time

An editor or two — particularly Jack Harwell of Georgia's Christian Index — voiced the annual complaint that there's still not enough time to conduct convention business and hear what messengers want to say in the midst of a welter of other program features. But several editors commented on the convention's "fairness" and "democracy" in allowing a messenger from Georgia, Herschel A. Markham, to express his views on what he felt was communistic public school literature, even though they felt he did so in a disruptive manner.

The editors unanimously — and profusely — praised the work and ability of outgoing SBC president, Jaroy Weber of Lubbock, and the move by the convention to elect James L. Sullivan, retired SBC Sunday School Board president, on the first ballot.

Two editors — Theo Sommerkamp of the Ohio Baptist Messenger and Daley of Kentucky — applauded the election as a recognition by Baptists of the need to use the pool of talent of retirees. Several praised Southern Baptists reaching back for a historical SBC practice of electing SBC agency-related statesmen.

John Roberts, editor of South Carolina's Baptist Courier, summed up the unanimous reaction of the editors, noting that the new president "is one of the best prepared men ever elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Few people are more knowledgeable in denominational matters. He knows Baptists, their strengths and their weaknesses, better than almost anyone else living. . . Baptists love and respect Sullivan. . . They admire him for his frankness, openness and integrity. They see both his doctrinal beliefs and his denominational loyalty as genuine."

### Middle Of The Road

"The unit of the convention was seen in the choice of Dr. James L. Sullivan as president on the first ballot, even though other strong candidates were nominated," wrote Joe Odle, editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record. "This

first ballot choice reveals the great confidence Southern Baptists have in Dr. Sullivan and also their determination to keep the convention in the path of the 'middle of the road conservatism' where it has so long stood."

John Hurt, editor of the Baptist Standard in Texas, said the convention "turned its back on dissidents both organized and otherwise, and accepted as a major thrust the sharing of Christ with all the world before the turn of the century."

But Hurt also said the election "was not a clear-cut issue since Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue

Baptist Church in Memphis and a director of the (Baptist Faith and Message) Fellowship, withdrew after being nominated. He explained he had not given permission for the nomination and was declining because the 'Lord spoke to my heart,' " Hurt wrote.

His withdrawal of his nomination and the manner in which he conducted the Pastors' Conference, an annual pre-convention meeting of SBC pastors, raised his stature in the eyes of several editors, summed up by Edgar Cooper of Florida Baptist Witness: "It was evident that his action relieved the tension that had built

up over the election . . . Rogers did the right thing . . ."

### Without Foundation

"This editor's fear that the Pastors' Conference would provide an opportunity for a special interest group to influence the convention proved to be without foundation," wrote Sneed of Arkansas.

Harwell of Georgia and Shackleford in Indiana commended the Memphis pastor, respectively, for his "statesmanship" and being "a man of his word" because he had said he would not be a candidate and followed through on what he said. Puckett of Maryland and Harwell both noted that Rogers' looks as an eventual candidate for president. " . . . If he disassociates himself from the BFMF, he may someday be president of the Convention," Puckett said.

The editors in general saw a unified convention, with missions and evangelism at its heart and an unswerving commitment to middle of the road conservatism. "It was truly one of our finest hours," said Julian Pentecost of Virginia's Religious Herald. "The outlook continues to be bright for Southern Baptists," added Marse Grant of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder. "The few detractors and critics will continue to be around, but will serve a good purpose by keeping those in the mainstream alert and aware of what's going on," Grant continued. "Southern Baptists refuse to go off on tangents — a characteristic which is significant in these days when extremists in some denominations are having a field day sowing division and discord."

## Southwestern Seminary Slates Oklahoma Center

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nancially underwriting the program, Oklahoma Baptist University, which is providing the classroom and support space, and the seminary.

The program will offer accredited graduate level courses which will lead to the master of divinity and the master of religious education degrees. Officials also expect to begin offering doctor of ministry seminars at a later date.

The initial Monday only courses, to begin August 30, are expected to be taught on the OBU campus at Shawnee, with the full resources

of OBU's Mabree Learning Center to be made available to the seminary students. Professors from the seminary will fly to Oklahoma each week to conduct the various courses.

Students participating in the Oklahoma project must hold a college degree and will be expected to meet all admission requirements which are set out for any other enrolling seminary student, a spokesman said. The standard application fee of \$10 will be charged and there will be a \$150 matriculation fee per semester for each student.

## Virginia Leads Official SBC Messenger Count

NASHVILLE (BP) — Virginia, the host state, registered the most messengers to the 119th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk, June 15-17, accounting for 3,172 (17.02 percent of the all-time record total of 18,637 messengers.

The official registration of 18,637, tabulated by the SBC Historical Commission and released by W. Fred Kendall, the convention's recording secretary, exceeded the previous record of 18,190 set in 1974 in Dallas.

North Carolina registered the runnerup total of messengers, with 2,429, or 13.05 percent of the total.

Others in the top 20 were Georgia, 1,361; Tennessee, 1,293; Ala-

bama and South Carolina, 1,269 each; Texas, 1,128; Kentucky, 944; Florida, 936; Mississippi, 792; Missouri, 562; Louisiana, 533; Oklahoma, 458; Arkansas, 412; Maryland, 411; Ohio, 294; Illinois, 244; Indiana, 181; California, 135; and District of Columbia, 86. Other registrants ranged from one each from Puerto Rico and Idaho to 75 from New Mexico.

Forty-seven of the 50 states in which Southern Baptists have members were represented, in addition to D. C. and Puerto Rico. Only the states of Maine, Vermont, and Wyoming had no representatives at the 119th annual session of the 131-year-old SBC, the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

## Commission On Church Life Includes 9

### Southern Baptists

WASHINGTON (BP) — Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel Baptist Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., is chairman of the Baptist World Alliance's new 37-member international Study Commission on Church Life, which includes nine Southern Baptists.

Southern Baptists on the Commission include: Larry G. Rohman of Greenwood, Miss.; Finley B. Edge of Louisville; Inez Fletcher of McLean, Va.; Elias Gomes of Rutherford, N. J.; Warren C. Hultgren of Tulsa, Okla.; Lee B. Satterfield of Altavista, Va.; Pat Baughman of Hilton Head Island, S. C.; Howard B. Foshee of Nashville; and Julian H. Pentecost of Richmond.

## Filmstrips . . .

(Continued from page 1) but have become church-wide in practice.

The filmstrips will be developed by TimeRite, Inc., the advertising arm of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It will be 50 frames in length. A cassette recording of narration and a script will accompany each film strip, Dr. Kelly said.

Don McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Record, and Anne McWilliams, BR editorial associate, wrote the program booklet for the September 12-15 State Mission Season of Prayer sessions.

Miss Patterson indicated that each church would get the entire set of program materials whether or not the church has a WMU organization.

## Pre-School Workshop Next Week

Pre-school workers from all areas of Mississippi will be converging on Mississippi College this coming week for the eighth annual Pre-School Workshop sponsored by the home economics department of the college.

Dr. Frances McGuffee of Clinton, coordinator for the workshop and head of the department of home economics, said this year's week-long program will run July 19-23 and will carry the theme "Molding the Future." Registration will get underway at 9 a.m. in the B. C. Rogers Students Center, with the opening session scheduled for 1 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room.

The opening session will be initiated by the invocation by Dr. Bill R. Baker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clinton, and welcoming remarks by Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president academic affairs. Addresses will feature Dr. Milton Baxter of Clinton, director of the Governor's Office on Education and Training, speaking on "Children — What Direction Now," and Mrs. Gale Keith, assistant professor of psychology at Mississippi College, talking on the topic "Helping Children Deal with Stress."

Other general session topics delivered throughout the week will include Dr. Tommy Hammer, associate professor of human development and family life, University of Alabama, "Self-Esteem" and "Learning Through Effective Guidance;" Dr. Gail Lewis, early childhood education, University of Mississippi, "Children, Our Energy Conserved or Abused?" and "Development of Positive Emotions in Young Children;" and Mrs. Sarah Harrell, director of the Briarwood Kindergarten and Day Care Center, Jackson, "Children Tomorrow."

## Second Bus . . .

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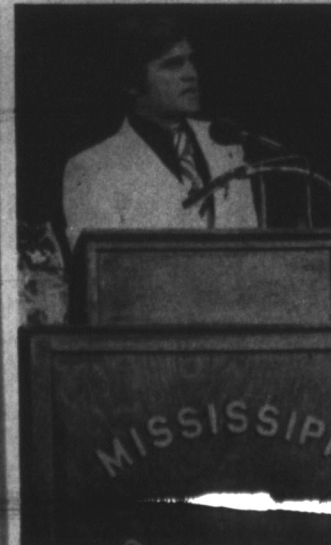
The buses will leave Jackson on Oct. 24 (Sunday) and return on Oct. 30 (Sat).

The cost of \$162 includes the bus fare, meals enroute and way at a Holiday Inn, B&B Motel and board at Glorieta.

Additional expenses would be seven meals enroute and other personal expenses. The registration fee of \$25 should be sent to Hudgens at the Baptist Building. Confirmations will be made on a first come, first served basis, he indicated.

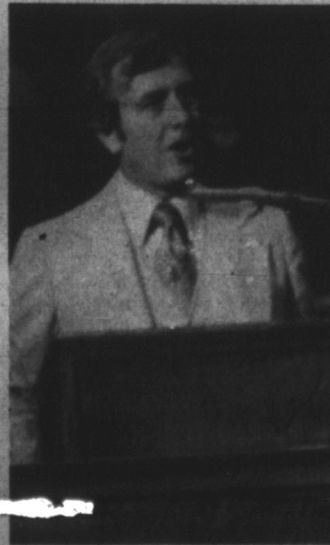


A Bicentennial Observance in Jackson on July 4 was a program of First Church, through a number of other churches participated. There were choirs from fourteen churches involved as well as several numbers by the vocal team of Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, left. Paul Ott, center, delivered



## Bicentennial Observance

a rendition of "The Ragged Old Flag." Rev. Frank Pollard, right, pastor of First Church spoke on "A Declaration of Dependence." Larry Black, minister of music for First Church, was the master of ceremonies. Attendance was estimated at 6,500. The observance was held at Mississippi Coliseum.







### Portrait Of Cothen Unveiled

NASHVILLE—A portrait of Southern Baptist Sunday School Board President Grady C. Cothen was unveiled recently at the annual Founders' Day program here. Shown with the new portrait are (l to r) Dr. and Mrs. Cothen and Raymond Langlois, chairman of the executive committee of the Sunday School Board trustees. Cothen's portrait will hang in the main entrance lobby with portraits of past presidents of the Sunday School Board.

## Pastors' Wives "Need To Forget Pedestal"

By Nancy Carter

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A pastor's wife should "forget the pedestal" on which members of her husband's congregation may unconsciously place her, believes Martha Nelson, author of several books on Christian women and a pastor's wife for 31 years.

"Pastor's wives are honored in special ways, when really they shouldn't be placed on a pedestal," she said in an interview at Southern Seminary here while doing research for her new book.

Her husband, Carl, is the pastor of Pelahatchie (Miss.) Baptist Church.

"We need to get in, roll up our sleeves and forget position, and focus on contribution," Mrs. Nelson added, noting all the women in the church are a part of "the team."

"I often say to the deacons' wives, 'We're in this thing together. We are all ministering for God in our different ways — the working woman in her place at

the desk, the school cook in a cafeteria line, the social worker, the teacher, the nurse — all have such a tremendous opportunity to minister."

She noted one way for women to feel more fulfilled in their work at the church is to specialize.

"So often we dabble at the task of the church. If we could just specialize, the church could gain so much."

"If you're a children's worker, become a great children's worker. Learn and grow and develop, rather than just doing a little of this and a little of that."

Mrs. Nelson's books include *The Christian Woman in the Working World*, *A Woman's Search for Serenity*, *On Being a Deacon's Wife*, and *Police Wife*. Her new book will be for the wives of men in church-related vocations.

She believes very strongly that wives of men called into church-related vocations share their husbands' call.

"Our call is a call to unique responsibility, a call to be adaptable and flexible... and a call to joy."

# Foreign Board Appoints 33

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eral Texas towns. He and his wife were appointed to Indonesia in 1962. Before resigning in 1974, they served in Semarang where he taught music at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia and directed the radio and television programming for Indonesian Baptists.

Of the \$36,000 appropriated for relief, \$10,000 will be used in war-torn Lebanon where several Southern Baptist missionaries continue to minister. An additional \$5,000 will help Lebanese refugees in Jordan and \$1,000 is for refugee relief in Israel. Ghana will receive \$5,000 for hunger relief, \$10,000 will be used for relief efforts in South Africa, and \$5,000 will go to the Philippines for disaster relief needs resulting from June's typhoon and flood.

Finlay M. Graham, missionary to Lebanon for 28 years, will be the field representative for the Middle East, effective immediately. A field representative serves as a liaison between missionaries and the foreign mission board headquarters.

Representing missionaries in western South America as field representative, will be H. Robert Tucker Jr., missionary to Bolivia and Venezuela for 13 years, effective immediately.

Appointments during the missionary appointment service included Mr. and Mrs. Jason D. Carlisle, Texas and Mississippi, to Uruguay; Mr. and Mrs. W. Douglas Simrell, Alabama and Mississippi, to the Ivory Coast; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel (Dan) R. South, from Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi, assigned to Chile.

Carlisle will be engaged in general evangelism.

The Carlises are living in Jeffersonville, Ind., where he is minister of youth and assistant pastor at West Maple Street Baptist Church. He also works as a delivery man for Culligan Water Conditioning in Clarksville, Ind.

Born in Harlingen, Tex., Carlisle grew up in Montevideo, Uruguay, where his parents were Southern Baptist missionaries. He was graduated from William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., with the bachelor of arts degree and Southern Seminary, Louis-

vill, Ky., with the master of divinity degree. While in college, he was employed as minister of youth at Ethel (La.) Baptist Church.

The former Susan Langston, Mrs. Carlisle is a native of Jackson, Miss. She was graduated from William Carey College with the bachelor of arts degree. She worked for two years as a secretary at Southern seminary.

South will be a music promoter. The Souths have been living in Fort Worth, Tex., where he has been a student at Southwestern Seminary and choir director at Southside Baptist Church, Granbury, Tex. Mrs. South has been an elementary teacher in Saginaw, Texas.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., South was graduated from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., with the bachelor of music education degree and Southwestern Seminary with the master of church music degree. He also attended Memphis (Tenn.) State University.

He was band director of Corning (Ark.) High School for a year; choir director of Longview Heights Baptist Church, Olive Branch, Miss., for two years; and purchasing agent for Memphis (Tenn.) Furniture Manufacturing Company for a year.

The former Cheryl Davis, Mrs. South is a native of Little Rock, Ark. She was graduated from Ouachita Baptist University with the bachelor of science degree. She was an elementary teacher at Ark Academy and church custodian at Longview Heights Baptist Church, both in Olive Branch.

They have two sons. William Louis was born in 1968; and Paul Mark, 1970.



### Downtown Yard Of The Month

The Baptist Building was awarded the "Yard of the Month" for downtown Jackson this month. Raul Garcia, the gardener for the Baptist Building, stands in one of the areas of his efforts to help keep downtown Jackson beautiful.

## More Abortion Cases Slated Next Session

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In another action, the court refused to set aside two lower court rulings supporting ban of massage parlors by municipalities. It declined to schedule for argument challenges to laws banning such establishments in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The Missouri abortion case challenges the practice by St. Louis city hospitals of effectively denying women the right to an abortion by its policy of employing only gynecologists and obstetricians who are opposed to abortion and who therefore refuse to perform the procedure.

The Connecticut challenge involves that state's refusal to reimburse welfare recipients for expenses of abortion except in cases where the attending physician certifies that the procedure was "med-

ically or psychiatrically necessary."

In Pennsylvania, the state has refused to reimburse women who have obtained legal abortions and who otherwise qualify for medical assistance under the medical aid program jointly administered by states and the federal government.

The high court also affirmed the decisions of two lower courts in light of its recent ruling that neither a husband nor a parent may veto a woman's right to have an abortion. The court invalidated Florida's requirement for such consent.

In a separate action, however, the justices upheld a Pennsylvania law requiring a woman's own written consent before an abortion is performed.

ca," the tears running down their cheeks." The bell was presented to the convention there by Dr. Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor, at the request of former Governor William Waller.

When the bell went to the White House, President Ford had gone to Europe. However, he did see it in Norfolk when he spoke there to the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention.

The bell went to five state Baptist conventions (Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.) It went to BSU conventions, including Mississippi's. It went to Sunday School conventions and music conventions, the largest of these in Fort Worth with 15,000 present.

The bell rang for the biggest crowd at a football game. "There were 53,000 at the stadium when Arkansas slaughtered Texas A & M at Little Rock," Dr. Vaught laughed. "Probably the biggest rally at any state house was on the steps of the capitol at Richmond, Virginia, which contains a statue of George Washington."

On America's 200th birthday, July 4, 1976, Mississippi's liberty bell was at Little Rock for a patriotic rally, where people came to hear Anita Bryant sing and Paul Harvey speak.

Now the bell is home again, and as Dr. Vaught said, "There will be even more interest in it because of the plaque presented by the SBC, and permanently mounted." This plaque says:

"The Mississippi Liberty Bell made an historic journey during our nation's Bicentennial year, 1975-1976. On loan to the Southern Baptist Convention and mounted on a truck furnished by the Ford Motor Company, the bell traveled approximately 50,000 miles and made hundreds of appearances pealing forth the message 'Let Freedom Ring!' This plaque is presented as a token of appreciation to the State of Mississippi by the Southern Baptist Convention, June, 1976."

Liberty Bell Committee, SBC  
W. O. Vaught  
Gene Puckett  
Jaroy Weber, president, SBC  
Mississippi Coordinator  
John Lee Taylor

Another plaque, mounted near the bell since it came to Mississippi, says that this bell is one of the 53 cast in France in 1880 and that its dimensions and tone are identical with those of the original liberty bell when it rang out our independence in 1776. The

## Liberty Bell Returns From 50,000-Mile Journey

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"Dedicated to You, a Free Citizen in a Free Land" — that is the inscription on a plaque beneath our Mississippi liberty bell.

After a journey of more than 50,000 miles, or as far as twice around the world, the bell is back home again. It received a royal welcome in a ceremony Tuesday afternoon, July 6, when it was returned to its regular resting place on the front lawn of the state capitol.

Since the send-off ceremony in Jackson on May 12, 1975, Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell has travelled through twenty-three states. Its great clapper has thundered forth the sound of freedom to thousands of eager ears. The bell was rung at two Southern Baptist Conventions, at Bicentennial rallies, at state conventions, in parades, and at historic sites across the land.

In the welcome-home ceremony last week, Dr. John Lee

Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, presented to the state a plaque of appreciation from the Southern Baptist Convention, for the use of the bell. Dr. W. O. Vaught, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, delivered an address of appreciation. These were the two men who conceived the idea of the bell's being used to inaugurate the nation's bicentennial year for Southern Baptists by ringing at last year's SBC in Miami.

Dr. Vaught vividly described America's three symbols of freedom — the flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the Liberty Bell.

The Honorable Heber Ladner, Secretary of State, and the Honorable Evelyn Gandy, lieutenant-governor of Mississippi, responded to the presentation and to the address.

Miss Gandy said, "It is significant that this historic Fourth of July fell on a Sunday. It was with deep gratitude that I thought of churches across the state and across the nation in prayer services that day, in rededication to God and the principles of freedom. The homecoming of this bell is a time for all Christians here thus to rededicate themselves. The strength of this great land comes from individual citizens. Our state is stronger and our nation is stronger because of renewed faith and renewed dedication of individual Americans."

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, led the invocation, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Baptist Rec-

"Insurance companies that insured the truck we used — furnished by the Ford Motor Company — at first mentioned the possibility of vandalism. In all those miles, there was not a single accident, or jarring incident — not a boo, or a rock thrown, or an egg. People from every walk of life, rich and poor, old and young, every race and color, have shown great respect for the bell," he continued. "Every time we were in a parade, when people saw the bell coming, they would stand at attention, many with tears streaming down their cheeks. If they were seated beside the parade route, they would rise. This impressed me more than anything through the whole year, I think."

McRoberts was away from home practically all the time for a year. He made the trips alone, except for the first one to Independence Hall, the White House, and sites of Baptist historic interest, on the way to Miami. Dr. Vaught accompanied him on that one.

"Deaf people would come and watch the bell ring," the driver said. "The blind would ask to run their hands over the bell, and then would say, 'Now ring it again! I know what it looks like now!'"

McRoberts kept careful watch on his treasure. When he stopped at a motel at night, he would ask the security guard to keep an eye on it until morning.

He tried driving with the bell uncovered, but was stopped by so many questioners he had to begin covering it, from one en-

Dr. W. O. Vaught, right, addresses the gathering welcoming home Mississippi's Liberty Bell and pays tribute to Gene McRoberts, left, who drove the truck carrying the bell throughout its 50,000-mile odyssey.



Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy, right, checks out Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell on its return to the state after being used during two sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Others are Mississippi Secretary of State Heber Ladner, left, and Dr. John Lee Taylor, Mississippi's member of the SBC Liberty Bell committee, center.

erty.

"The best welcome we received anywhere was on the border between North Carolina and South Carolina," McRoberts said, "when Dr. Vaught and I were on our way to Greenville. The congregation of a country church met us at the South Carolina Welcome Center. The kids were dressed in red, white, and blue, and were waving banners and flags. They sang the national anthem. One of the men even gave us two bushels of peaches! Their enthusiasm, and their pride in the bell and in our country is something I'll never forget."

When Southern Baptists were ready to borrow the bell last year, they found that the old wooden yoke was rotten, and the bell could not be hung. Together the

now be returned to them to be sold as a secondhand vehicle. We added air-conditioning and bought one new set of tires."

Mississippi's liberty bell was reproduced on the front of a Christmas card sent out by Jaroy Weber, SBC president at Christmas, 1975. It was shown in front of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock where Dr. Weber is pastor.

It has been splashed across the front pages of newspapers all across the nation. It has been photographed by individuals and family groups thousands of times, because every one wanted his picture made ringing the liberty bell.

"I'd guess that at least 5,000 families had their pictures made with the bell in Miami," said Dr. Taylor.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### "Gulfshore Shall Rise Again"

The above words were the title of an editorial in the Baptist Record on Thursday, September 27, 1973. They were written after the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board had approved a proposal to set plans for raising funds for rebuilding Gulfshore.

Actually, the week after Hurricane Camille devastated Gulfshore and Kittiwake, the Record said, "... the Assembly and Camp program of Mississippi is not dead. Whether it is continued at Gulfshore and Kittiwake, or elsewhere, there will be assemblies and camps. We can be sure of that."

The 1973 editorial said, "The ruin (at the time of Camille destruction) seemed to shout, 'Gulfshore is dead!'"

"But a resounding faith and hope within, seemed to answer, 'Gulfshore shall rise again, and be greater and finer than ever'."

That was our word at the time of the hurricane disaster, and again of a few years later, when the convention had determined its course to rebuild the facility. Now those predictions are materializing.

On Thursday, July 1, convention leaders, committee members, board members, pastors, members of some of our churches, and coast area guests assembled for a ground breaking ceremony for the new Gulfshore. It was an exciting and moving time under the shade trees on Gulfshore grounds as speakers told of how the program had developed, and what was to be done.

Then the group moved to the actual construction site near the shore, where thirty individuals pressed their special shovels into the sandy soil, and the work was started. Nearby, workmen already had their heavy equipment ready, to press the work with all speed.

Within about eighteen months, the new, finer, Gulfshore will be ready, making available for use over many years to come, new facilities for use of all Mississippi Baptists. The buildings are being erected under the codes adopted for the coast after Camille, and are designed to withstand any kind of storm that can be expected.

Prophecy and hope of three years and seven years ago, is being fulfilled. Gulfshore is rising again!

"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL  
RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL  
MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS EAGLES,  
THEY SHALL RUN,  
AND NOT BE  
WEARY, AND  
THEY SHALL WALK  
AND NOT FAINT."  
—ISA. 40:31



WE CAN SOAR ANEW

## Christian Education Colloquium

During the week prior to the Southern Baptist Convention it was our privilege to spend three days in Williamsburg, Va., attending the "National Colloquium on Christian Education" sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hundreds of seminary and college presidents, deans, faculty members, and board members, representing every educational institution in the Southern Baptist Convention, along with a number of state executive secretaries and editors, spent three busy days in a careful study of Southern Baptist higher education. It was one of the most significant educational meetings ever held by Southern Baptists.

A penetrating analysis was presented of what Christian education is supposed to be, an honest evaluation was made showing what the present situation is, and challenging goals were set for advance to meet ever growing needs. One was thrilled to see what has been and is being accomplished, he was sobered as he comprehended some of the problems now being faced by the institutions, and he was challenged by the opportunities and

needs of the days ahead, and by what the institutions are seeking to do to meet them. Any Southern Baptist would have been made proud of what his denomination is doing educationally as he heard the reports there.

One of the most exciting phases of the meeting was the presentation of a series of "Reaffirmations." One of these was read and accepted at the close of each major address, and all were read and affirmed by the body in the closing session. These "Reaffirmations" clearly stated the ideals and purposes which are inherent in Christian education. They began with the following introduction:

"The following reaffirmations have grown out of the major themes which have served as guidelines in developing our National Colloquium."

"These reaffirmations are offered only to serve as guidelines for individuals and institutions who wish to reexamine seriously the Christian basis for education and who wish to engage in a renewed commitment to the great Biblical and doctrinal themes which have guided in centuries past."

"We also believe that these truths are a summons to all Baptists to

enter into the third century in the life of this republic, in obedience to the Great Commission, firmly committed to an undiminished support of our historic emphasis on Missions, Evangelism and Education."

Then followed a series of statements on Our Covenant Relationship, Unity in Diversity, Christian Witness in a Secular Culture, The Christian Idea of a Liberal Education, Stewardship of Finance, Christian Absolutes, The Great Commission, Student - Teacher Relationships, Stewardship of Management and Christian Citizenship.

As each of the statements was read the audience responded "This we reaffirm."

We came away from this colloquium with a strong conviction that if Southern Baptist efforts in the field of higher education can be kept in the spirit of this Colloquium and these Reaffirmations, then we have no fear concerning its future. The meeting gave strong evidence that Southern Baptist educational leaders are determined to keep their institutions not only superb in the educational opportunities they offer, but also positively Christian in their spirit and witness. It truly was a memorable meeting in Southern Baptist life.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Liquor Is Cause Of Liquor Problems

Dear Dr. Odle:

May a Salvationist speak up in "The Baptist Forum"? I ask this because I was disturbed by the response of Terry Hall and Wayne Hatcher in "The Baptist Forum" of May 27 concerning the guest editorial, "Crisis in the Family," which appeared in The Baptist Record of April 29. You are to be commended for your editorial comment about the shallow and inaccurate thinking of Messrs. Hall and Hatcher.

Evidently, these two gentlemen either ignore or are unaware that the New Testament gospel and ethic contain very clear negative aspects as well as positive ones. We do well to emulate this balance, for anything else is a distortion of the biblical message.

In the U.S.A. alone, The Salvation Army operates 115 centers which deal largely with men who have drinking problems. In each of these centers, Army personnel have a three-fold thrust in dealing with the client's root problem (one manifestation of which is drinking), the drinking problem itself and his basic need of Christ as Saviour from the inward root and outward expressions of sin. Delete any of these emphases and the result would be an exercise in futility.

I grew up in a home in which liquor flowed freely. Of course, the reason for the flow resided deeper than the craving for alcohol. But if the surface problem of drink had been removed without ever having dealt with the basic, inner spiritual one, I am sure that even such an inadequate and partial solution would have diminished the hell I experienced as a young boy and adolescent.

I enjoy reading your publication which arrives in our office each week.

John G. Merritt  
Captain  
Editorial Assistant  
THE WAR CRY  
New York City

### Daughter Writes Of Death Of A Drunken Mother

I buried my mother today. The official death report (listed) probable heart failure as the cause of death, but alcohol was the real executioner. She first started out by taking just one social drink, then two, three, and on and on until she could not give it up. Over a period of twelve short years, alcohol changed her completely. She went from a friendly outgoing person to a nasty person full of hate. She went from a very attractive young woman to a haggard old woman. She died at fifty-two, but looked almost seventy. She went through a divorce. Everything about her changed, even her way of thinking. She pushed her friends and family aside and after many attempts to help her, they left her alone. We often tried to tell her about God's forgiveness. We explained to her about accepting Christ into her life. We do not know yet if she did or not.

Alcohol completely destroyed her liver and caused her many other bodily discomforts. She reached the point where she could not even eat, yet still tried to drink.

Alcohol robbed me of a mother, my children of a grandmother, my mother of a rich full life that we all could have shared with her over the years.

I have many memories of another mother in the years before she began to drink and it is truly amazing what alcohol can do.

If you are thinking about drinking,

don't do it. Don't even take that first one. You may not be able to stop there and alcohol will become your executioner too.

This story is very real and very true. I wish to remain an anonymous daughter of an alcoholic. If any alcoholic parents read this, just think about the fact that a similar letter could be written about you some day.

### Suggests "Clean-Up" Committee For Kansas City

Dear Editor:

Since the Southern Baptist Convention is coming here next summer, a recent Kansas City Star headline might be of interest to Southern Baptists; "Witnesses Clean Up Arena." What happened is that the Jehovah's Witnesses district assembly, 12,509 in number, met in this city and then cleaned up the arena after the convention ended. "In two hours this place will be spotless," a spokesman said to the newspaper reporter. The director of the Convention Bureau was quoted as saying that the Witnesses "were the cleanest and neatest people to ever use this facility." The newspaper article reported that the Witnesses were named "best guests" of New York after a 1958 meeting in Yankee Stadium.

I am sure that soon the program planners, the committees, the power brokers, the visionaries, and others in our own Southern Baptist Convention will be looking toward next year's meeting here. But, do we have a clean-up committee? The Witnesses do. Do our articles of faith say anywhere what cleanliness is next to? The Jehovah's Witnesses know, and they practiced it here. But then they believe and practice a lot of other stuff that we don't, so I guess there's no great cause for concern. Or is there?

G. Temp Sparkman  
Midwestern Seminary  
Kansas City, Mo.

### German Church Plans Reunion In Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

The Darmstadt Baptist Church of Darmstadt, West Germany, a Southern Baptist Church ministering to Americans overseas, is planning a reunion in August, 1977. In order to make this reunion known to all members and former members we would like to ask you to publish an article in your publication.

REUNION — All members, former members and friends of the Darmstadt Southern Baptist Church, Darmstadt, W. Germany interested in a reunion in August of 1977, in Eastern Oklahoma area, are invited to contact Richard Higley, Desert Hills Baptist Church, 4401 S. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.

Richard M. Higley

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## Church Salary Survey

Last year the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board appointed a committee to make a survey of staff salaries in Mississippi Baptist churches. In the light of inflation, the high cost of living, and other factors, it was felt that church leaders need to have reliable information on what actually was happening in the area of church staff support. That committee has released its report, and the convention board, through its Department of Church-Minister Relations, has issued a book, presenting it. It is a volume which should have a wide reading among church leaders all across the state.

The report is comprehensive both in its revelation of what churches actually are doing in the area of compensation of their workers, and what they need to be doing in the light of present day conditions.

Studies are made of churches in eight membership size categories, ranging from the smallest with a membership of from 1-100, up to the

largest with membership of 2,001 and more. Tables reveal what churches actually are doing, and guidelines are offered to help them determine whether the support they are giving is adequate. Work pages are included to enable committees actually to figure what they need to be doing if they are to meet minimum needs.

The study not only includes salaries, but also housing, utilities, insurance, retirement, automobile expense and convention expense. There is differentiation between actual personal compensation and expenses that are related to church business.

A careful perusal of the report makes it evident that many Mississippi pastors and staff members, are receiving a "below the average" income, and thus, are paying the inflation penalty. At the same time, it reveals that many other pastors and staff members are being adequately cared for by the congregations they serve. We do

not believe that most Mississippi Baptists want their pastors and other workers to be underpaid, and are convinced that widespread reading and use of this book, will help many more congregations to raise the level of their support.

We hope that leaders in every church will read this book, especially deacons, finance committees, and others responsible for determining employee compensation. It will open the eyes of many people who actually are hardly conscious of what inflation has done to the incomes of those who serve them.

The report is not in any manner an effort by a convention committee to tell churches what they have to do, but it does offer them facts and figures which will help them to do self-evaluation. We believe that in many cases this will lead to immediate and positive action.

The committee has done a good job, and we commend the convention board for making its findings available to the churches.

## NEWEST BOOKS

**ROAD TO AUGUSTA** by Joe W. Burton (Broadman, 126 pp., \$4.95) Joe W. Burton was long a leader among Southern Baptist and for many years served as editor of the magazine Family Life, published by the Sunday School Board. He was a secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1947-1965. In this book, which he did not live to see published, since his death came only a few weeks ago, traces the story of Southern Baptist history in the period from about 1830 to 1960. It is principally the story of one man R. B. C. Howell whose career had much to do with the formation of the convention. However, the book presents many of the leaders whose lives were related to the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is history which Southern Baptists need to know. It is written in a fashion which will help the reader to live through the days and know the people it depicts.

**NO ROOM FOR DOUBT** by Herbert Lee Williams (Broadman, paper, 163 pp., \$2.95) The author is chairman of the Department of Journalism at Memphis State University and a lay leader and Bible teacher at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. With true scholarship, yet with a style of writing which makes the book very easy to read, the author deals with the question of the inspiration of the Bible. He shows that it is the divinely inspired Word of God and that it has God's message for today. He discusses how it became one book and the richness of its content. He shows that it will stand the test of science and of history, the one book the world needs most today. In the closing section, he shows how we should learn to read the Bible as God's word. A valuable study that will help undergird the faith of those who may have questions about God's word and gives strong material for others to use in defending that position.

**TO BE THE FIRST** by William N. McElrath (Broadman, paper, 189 pp., \$4.95) The subtitle is "Adventures of Adoniram Judson, America's First Foreign Missionary." The author is a missionary in Indonesia and in this book tells the amazing story of Adoniram Judson and what he accomplished in carrying the gospel of Christ to a new world as America's very first foreign missionary. The story has been told by others, but this book tells it with freshness and newness that will make the life live for many more readers.

**NOBODY ELSE WILL LISTEN** by Marjorie Holmes (Fleming Revell, \$1.25, 135 pp., paper) These "conversations with God" express the tumultuous emotions of an adolescent girl. From dating to drinking, scholastic pressures to popularity: all the feelings are here to share with God — when nobody else will listen.



# Book Stores Celebrate 50th Year

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NASHVILLE — Baptist Book Stores, owned and operated by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are celebrating their golden anniversary.

The years of service these stores have provided churches may have begun 50 years ago, but thoughts of such a service began more than a century ago.

It was deemed inadvisable, in 1846, for the convention to become involved in the sale of books. However, changing needs and the demands of churches led to a reversal of that opinion. In 1925, the Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Sunday School

Board to work with other convention and state boards to "devise a means by which suitable and helpful books can be brought to the attention of our pastors."

Joint ownership of book stores by the Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist state conventions began the venture. In 1926, the Sunday School Board purchased full interest in the Baptist Book Concern of Louisville, Ky. This move was the first link in today's chain of stores throughout the United States.

Committed to the Baptist constituency, Baptist Book Stores "... must always balance the needs of our customers with the resources provided to us," said William S. Graham, director of the Sunday School Board's book-store division. "We try to be conscious of our stewardship of Baptist monies."

Baptist Book Stores operate with the money they earn; profits are returned to the Sunday School Board for its operation. The

stores, varying in size and located all over the United States, are placed in high-traffic areas which are also strong in Baptist population.

The 60 book stores grossed \$34,000,000 in sales in 1975-76. Graham said, "Hopefully these figures reflect the impact the book stores have upon churches and the lives of people."

The creation of the U. S. postal services bulk mail centers has resulted in adjustments in the number of mail order outlets—re-

duced in number but located strategically. Consequently, stores are being expanded and developed as strictly retail stores with no mail order functions.

"At the same time," said Graham, "we are improving the locations of our stores. We feel that additional book stores will be added periodically to meet the increasing demands for our services."

Graham says Baptist Book Stores select merchandise that will help the most people. Besides attempting to stock the best in Bibles and religious books, they also make available other books that are compatible with the Board's purpose of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.

According to Graham, no apologies are necessary for aggressively selling the Bible and other books that bring life and hope. "There are enough books that pollute the minds of youth and adults. We are in competition with merchants whose wares do not give life, but instead take it."

Graham believes that the past 50 years of growth are the manifestation of a desire on the part of Southern Baptists to meet a specific need of churches and people.

"Although we are a chain of retail book stores," Graham states, "we believe we are a definite part of God's work. We want everything we do in our stores to be done for that reason."

## Mt. Moriah To Mark 155th Anniversary

Mt. Moriah (Lincoln) will hold annual homecoming and revival July 18-23. This will mark the 155th anniversary of Mt. Moriah. The homecoming on July 18 will feature dinner - on the - grounds and the traditional afternoon service, according to Larry Barlow, pastor.

A former pastor, Dr. Lewis Rhodes, retired pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will be the evangelist for the week. Dr. Rhodes also served on the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as in many other denominational positions. (See "Revival

ley, baptizing and fellowship, people of Santee and Lone Star packed the church for every baptizing. It was an expected Sunday night event.

Santee mission members voted to sponsor a revival on Hwy. 84, near Williamsburg in Covington County. Use of the Methodist-Protestant Conference Building was granted. Wren and Bagley again joined efforts in a revival beginning May 24, with the new Santee Christians giving testimonies nightly. Approximately 50 rededications and 16 professions of faith were made during the five-day revival. The membership of Santee and other churches nearby were enlarged as a result.

On Sunday night, May 6, the people of Santee Mission, sponsored by Lone Star Baptist Church, voted to call Tony Bagby officially as pastor, and set a salary for him.

As of May 9, the membership continued to meet in a borrowed church, give testimonies in every service and talk about the miracles Christ has worked in their lives. People fill the church for every service, Sunday morning, night and Wednesday. Dress is casual and the assembly is well balanced with men, women and children.



Grady C. Cothen (right), president of the Sunday School Board, serves a cake decorated in honor of Baptist Book Stores' 50th anniversary to: (left to right) James Abernathy, chairman of the board's trustees; Keith C. Von Hagen, retired director of the book store division; W. O. Thomason, former director of the division and now executive vice-president of the board and William S. Graham, director of the book store division.



## Pontotoc Calls

### Gordon H. Sansing

Dr. Gordon H. Sansing of Marks has accepted the call of First Church Pontotoc as pastor.

He goes there from the pastorate of First Church, Marks.

Dr. Sansing is a graduate of Mississippi College and of New Orleans Seminary where he obtained his Master of Theology degree and his Doctor of Ministry degree.

In 1974, in association with his work toward the Doctor of Ministry degree, a program was initiated by Dr. Sansing to engage the

Mexican-American migrant workers in the Marks area, in all phases of the church's work. This program, dealing with approximately 50-100 people annually, was a success at the time of its initiation and is an ongoing ministry of First Baptist Church, Marks.

Former churches in which Dr. Sansing has served are Washington, Mississippi, as director of youth and music; First, Florence, as assistant pastor; Knoxo Tylertown as pastor; Calvary, Jackson, as assistant pastor; and First Marks.

He is on the Advisory Committee of Farrow Manor. He formerly served as moderator of the Quitman County Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees for Blue Mountain College.

He is married to the former Elsie Williams of Jackson, and they have two sons, Mark, 8 and Brian, 2.

## Temple, Yazoo City Calls Jim Sellers

Temple Church, Yazoo City has called Rev. Jimmie L. Sellers as pastor, effective July 4.

Mr. Sellers was pastor for Grandview Mission, Pearl, and continued as full-time pastor when the mission became Providence Church. He served there three years. Membership increased from 13 to 86, a new church building was completed, and summer missionaries were employed for two summers. He has also served pastorates in Mississippi and Atlanta Associations.

Rev. and Mrs. Sellers and five children (Paul 13, Beth Ann 12, Sharon 10, John 7, and Sarah 5) are in Clinton, where he obtained his A.A. degree from Hinds Junior College and attended Mississippi College. His wife Shirley is attending Hinds Junior College School of Nursing. They are planning to move on the field full-time by May of 1977.

# 100 Converts In Santee Revival, And 83-Member Mission Formed

Fifty-five professions of faith during a two-week revival in Santee, Jefferson Davis County, has formed the nucleus of a new Baptist mission and possibly set a record for local Baptist revivals in the area.

Rev. L. B. Atchinson, director of missions for Covington-Jefferson Davis Association, said he had no knowledge of any similar event.

This work of faith has resulted in over 100 people making professions of faith in less than two months and the birth of a new mission that has a membership of 83.

Almost overnight, Santee Baptist Mission has become a reality and has affected lives in the Santee community and all surrounding areas.

With such a response to the Gospel, those involved in the mission effort ascribe all credit to God.

Tony Bagley, of the Mike Conner Lake area in Covington County, surrendered to preach in early 1976. He has been acquainted with the people of the Santee community, having driven a school bus there during high school days and also through his work in forestry.

This young man felt a burden about the large number of Santee people being unchurched. He was associated with a gospel singing group as a bass singer and had become acquainted with Herschel Wren, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, in Hattiesburg. When offered to help in a revival in Santee if a building could be obtained.

In the heart of the Santee area stood a vacant church, formerly serving as a Holiness church and unused for over a decade. Bagley contacted Lawrence King and Elroy Guy, trustees for the building, and they gave permission for a revival to be held there.

The neighboring people of Lone Star Church, on the Covington side of Bouie river, heard about the revival effort and offered to serve as sponsor of the revival and whatever developed. Already there were great expectations. Lone Star Church had been a mission sponsored by the Seminary Church and had only been dedicated as a church just before Christmas. Lone Star furnished workers, Bibles and use of their bus. Assistance also came from Seminary Church.

Many of the people of the Santee area became enthused with the idea and offered to meet to clean the dust accumulated by years of the church lying dormant. The pulpit and pews were ready and waiting. Only a piano needed to be brought in. A large sign announced a "Come As You Are" revival.

Many of the men in the area, who were timbermen, brought their entire crews to prepare the grounds and even cut paths to an old outdoor toilet.

On Sunday, April 11, Bagley opened the first service with Evon Strebeck of Collins directing the music. The first person to make a profession of faith was a young Covington County girl, Loretta Jordan. She was followed by two others Sunday night.

Herschel Wren came on Monday night and began preaching with Bagley conducting song services and assisting with the preaching. Eight people made professions of faith on Monday night, many from the Santee community. Ten people accepted Christ on Tuesday night and more followed nightly. On Sunday night, 26 people were baptized at Lone Star Church.

The Santee people asked for the revival to continue and it moved into the following week, ending Friday, April 23. Fifty-five people professed Christ and scores reded-

icated their lives. On the following Sunday night, 19 more people were baptized at Lone Star and some were yet candidates for baptism. From the revival, Santee received 39 members, Lone Star 10 and Victory Church one, with others returning to home churches in more distant communities. Three memberships were moved to Santee from other churches.

Permission was granted for use of the church until possibilities for the purchase of that church or the building of a church could be explored.

The first Sunday School was begun on April 18 with 48 in attendance. At the end of two months, the Sunday School attendance was 66.

A steak supper was provided for the entire community by the men of Santee, who donated the value of a day's work to feed the large gathering. People made professions of faith even at the supper. An ice cream supper was held, and people were saved. One of the most astounding services was on May 18, when approximately 80 people gathered for prayer meeting and 12 people made professions of faith.

On Sunday night, May 16, another baptismal service was held at Lone Star with 23 people baptized. There were professions of faith at that service, with testimonies, dual preaching by Rev. Dwight Giest of Lone Star and Mr. Bag-

## Seeing Missionaries Off

By Marjean Patterson  
Mississippi WMU  
Executive Secretary

You'd think I'd get accustomed to it! I mean, after almost twenty years of seeing foreign missionaries off as they go to the "ends of the earth" you'd surely think that I could take missionary friends to the airport and tell them good-bye without becoming emotional about it.

After all, part of my "business" is helping educate people about the needs of the world, praying all the while that God will call out many Mississippians to plant their lives in the soil of overseas mission fields.

But sometimes it just gets to me — take today, for instance. I went with Guy and Lois Henderson and their children out to the Jackson airport. Not only are they "our" missionaries, they're close personal friends of mine.

Well, I was doing all right until Guy's mother brought in a big brown paper sack containing a package of her own special brand of tea cakes for the family to enjoy on their trip.

"This is a bad day," she said to me. And I understand at

least a part of what she was feeling, for there are times when even we old maids can understand how it must hurt to say good-bye to a child who is going half way around the world.

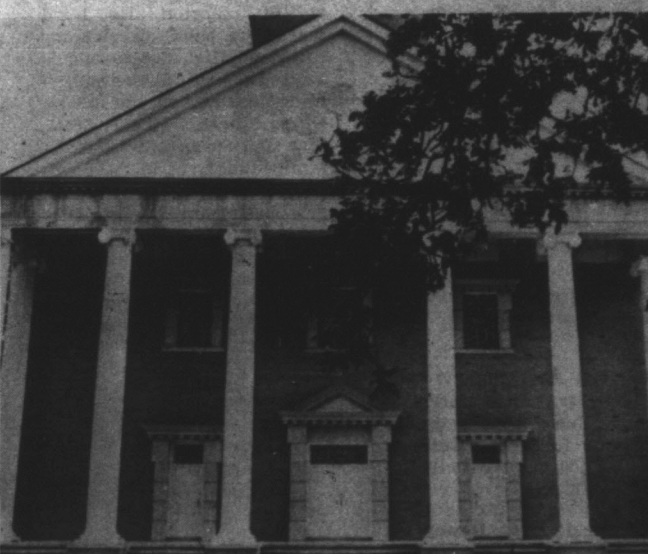
Then, when the plane was called, there were the tearful and deeply meaningful good-byes to a son and daughter who were being left here, to continue their lives being separated from their parents and their two younger sisters.

So by the time Guy and Lois embraced me, I could not keep the tears back and all I could say was, "I love you."

Then as I drove back to Jackson, I felt that my heart surely would burst with gratitude and appreciation. For as they go, we can go to the Philippines. As they minister there in the name of Jesus, so we are ministering. What a wonderful team we make — Southern Baptists and missionaries of our mission boards!

So, as my third or fourth tearful Kleenex lay in shreds on the seat of the car, I realized I never really will get accustomed to seeing missionaries off.

After all, you really do miss a part of your heart when it leaves on an airplane!



## 1st, Greenwood, Dedicates New Sanctuary

First Church of Greenwood dedicated its new sanctuary on July 11. Dr. Larry Rohman, pastor, led the service with former pastors participating. The sanctuary, which cost \$683,000, has 13,620 square feet and seats 930. It has a seven-foot grand Baldwin organ. The pews are Brazilian walnut covered in cotton plush velvet. The new sanctuary has 20 microphone outlets and a 10 microphone mixer tape recorder.

## ANNOUNCING

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS



Charles L. Norton, Director Emeritus, Tennessee Church Training Department, Brentwood

David Freshour, Minister of Activities, First Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia



Bob Sessoms, Consultant, Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

Waldo Woodcock, Secretary, Georgia Church Training Department, Atlanta



### Schedule of Workshops

July 19 First Baptist Church, Greenville  
July 19 First Baptist Church, Blount

### Workshop Program

7:00 Scripture and Prayer  
7:10 Who Needs A Ministry For Senior Adults—and Why  
Mr. Woodcock and Dr. Norton  
7:40 Recreational Opportunities For Senior Adults  
8:10 Here's what we did



## Names In The News



**RECEIVE COLLEGE AWARD** — Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Johnson (left) of Memphis, Tenn., founders of one of the largest business empires in America, encompassing 78 corporations, have been honored by Mississippi College with the "Service to Humanity" award. T. M. Hederman, Jr., (right) of Jackson, president of the college's Board of Trustees, made the presentations on behalf of the institution on its 150th anniversary during ceremonies in Jackson. Mr. Johnson and a partner started a coast-to-coast chain of inns and today their Holiday Inns of America, Inc., is the largest food and lodging system in the world. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

**Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes**, missionaries to Indonesia, may be addressed at J1. Bali 8, Klaten, Indonesia. Before they were appointed in 1959, he was pastor of South McComb Church.

**Jim Jackson** of Hattiesburg has accepted the call of Sunrise Church, Route 2, Hattiesburg, as minister of music and youth. Native of Griffin, Ga., he is married to the former Nancy Huff of Meridian. They have three children, Carla, 11, Alan, 8, Renee, 7. A member of Gideons International, Jackson attended Berry College in Georgia. He formerly served at Janice Church near Brooklyn and in other churches in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Georgia and Illinois. He is employed by the federal government. Rev. Robert H. Rogers is pastor of Sunrise.

**Rev. William M. Waddle** on May 7 received the Master of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. He is pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, New Albany.

**Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster**, missionaries to the Philippines, may be addressed at P. O. Box 7480, Airmail Exchange, Manila International Airport 3120, Philippines. Both are natives of Mississippi.

**Dr. and Mrs. John W. McFadden, Jr.**, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 602 McCord St., West Point, Miss. 39773).

**Mr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt**, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1300 S. Jackson, Apt. 707, Amarillo, Tex. 79101). He is a native of Hattiesburg, Ms.

**Dr. and Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite**, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 1, Kediri, Indonesia).

**First Church, Bay St. Louis** in a called business conference on June 27, adopted a resolution to give wholehearted support to William Carey College's new Gulf Coast branch.



**Dr. H. A. Milner**, center, pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, presented ordination certificates May 30 to Rev. (name obscured).

Chisolm has been called to pastor Phalt Church (Jefferson Davis). He is a graduate of Clarke and is attending William Carey. He is married to the former Linda Smith, daughter of the late Rev. Sutton C. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Whitehead of Carthage. Rev. Chisolm has been called as pastor of Tiave Church (Greene). He attended Mississippi Southern University and is now a senior at William Carey. He is married to the former Jeannie Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Walters of Van Winkle. Both of these young men grew up in the Van Winkle Church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith**, missionaries to Jordan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1005 Spencer Drive, Monroe, La. 71201). He was born in Silver Creek, Miss.

**Mrs. David Maurice Palmer**, long-time Sunday School teacher at Speedway Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and mother of two preachers, the late Dr. J. Norris Palmer and Robert L. Palmer, died June 16, 1976 and was buried in Blue Mountain, Miss.

**County Line Church** (Wayne) recently ordained as deacons Commodore Henderson and W. C. Smith. Rev. J. W. Williams, pastor of Mt. Zion, preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge to the church. Rev. Franklin McLeland, pastor of Big Creek gave the charge to the deacons and Rev. Jimmy Talley, pastor of Chicora, led the ordination prayer. Rev. James Chambers is pastor of County Line.

**Robert G. Shuttleworth** has joined the staff of Raymond Church as minister of music-youth. He had served on a part-time basis until 1973 when he became minister of music at FBC, Morton. He had served as band director for Raymond High School and is a professional photographer. Mrs. Shuttleworth, the former Lynne Rowe, Steve, Scott, Stan and Susan finish out the family that lives in the former parsonage on Elm Street. A new parsonage was recently acquired on McClendon Drive where the pastor, Sam B. Mason, and his wife live. Mr. Shuttleworth is the third full-time staff member added in two years.



**New Hope (Harrison)** held a noteburning service recently. The indebtedness on their sanctuary has been paid in full. Visiting for this special service was the pastor who designed and helped build the sanctuary. Dr. Glenn Morgan, and his wife. Pictured with Dr. Morgan are the present pastor, Rev. Jerry Estes, and Trustee H. E. Jay. One other trustee, E. L. Jones, was present for the service.

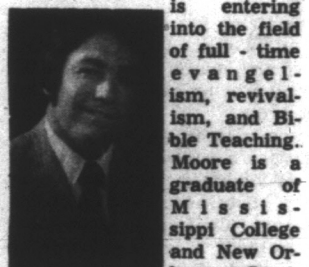


The W. C. Martin Memorial Scholarship has been established at Mississippi College by his family and friends. Dr. Lewis Nobles, (Seated left), president of the college, accepted the scholarship from Mrs. W. C. Martin of Yazoo City while other members of the family look on. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Bruce Singsfield, Nesbit; Lee Martin, Anguilla; and Mrs. Wayne Crammett, Mary Esther, Fla.; daughters and son of Mr. Martin. The scholarship will be given annually for academic achievement to one who plans to enter the teaching profession.



**Robert H. McCarver, Jr.**, left, was licensed to preach by Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch, on May 30. A graduate of Kingsbury High School, Memphis, he is enrolled in the evening program of Northwest Junior College. The pastor, Armond D. Taylor, right presented him a copy of the "Open Bible" as a gift from the church. McCarver has preached several times and is available for pulpit supply or a pastorate. He is married and the father of two young boys.

**Kenny Moore**, pastor of First Church of Franklins, Louisiana announces that he is entering into the field of full-time evangelism, revivalism, and Bible Teaching.



Moore is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, and is currently a doctoral student. He is married to the former Ann Broome of Mobile and they have two children. They will be making their home in Mobile, Alabama and can be contacted at P. O. Box 104, Mobile, Ala. 36601; phone 1-205-473-6894.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Larry Cox**, missionaries to the Ivory Coast, have arrived in France for language study (address: 250 Ave Grammont, 37000 Tours, France). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Lexington.

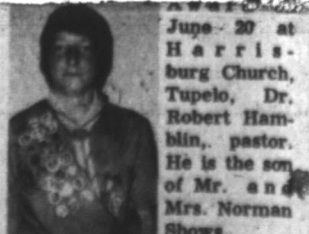
**Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Long**, missionaries to Belgium, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Rue J. Hoton 17, 1200 Brussels, Belgium).

**Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Bevers**, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c-o C. J. Tetlow, 19 Sun Ray Rd., Del Haven, N. J. 08251). She was born in Jackson.

**Dr. and Mrs. John L. McNair**, missionaries to India, may be addressed at 240 Upper Palace Orchards, Bangalore 560006, India. Both are natives of Mississippi.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Nabors**, missionaries to Gaza, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Hospital, Gaza, Israel).

**John Mark (Beaver) Shows** received the Eagle Scout



**Mel Lewis** is entering his fourth year in full time evangelism. He is from Gulfport, and the rest of his team are from various parts of the U. S. The major thrust of the team's ministry is "to present Jesus Christ through music and testimony." They have shared this message of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ in some 300 concerts. If you are interested in having Mr. Lewis and the team in your church, contact them for more information at: Eternal Heir Singers, P. O. Box 1400, Escondido, Ca. 92025.

**Rev. Ed Gullick**, who retired from the U. S. Army on July 1, 1976, after 23 years of military service, is now available for full-time pastoral duties. Born at Crowder, Mississippi, he now may be addressed at P. O. Box 298, Belzoni, Ms. 39038. Converted and baptized in 1964, he was ordained to the ministry in 1966 by the Northside Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma. Churches he has served as pastor have included Antioch Church, Lawton, Oklahoma; Wolf Lake Baptist Church near Yazoo City; Forrest Hill Mission, Daleville, Alabama; and Mt. Enon Church, Midland City, Alabama. He and his wife Betty have two children, Debbie, 8, and Michelle, 3.



**Valda Brigance**, left, and **Moody Henley**, right, have received certificates from First Church, Olive Branch, presented by Pastor P. J. Scott, center, honoring them as deacons emeritus. They have served faithfully for many years.



**Mrs. Alice Rhoda**, a member of Mt. Zion (DeSoto) recently wrote a tribute to Mrs. (name obscured), who died on June 23 last year at the age of 86. Mrs. Rhoda started the Mt. Zion church in her home in 1942, having Sunday School there with a few children. When a pastor was called, members put up a brush arbor. Mrs. Rhoda, taught her Sunday School class until she became ill in 1971.

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# The Message Of Grace

By Wm. J. Falls

Luke 4:16-21; Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 2:15-21; 3:23-29

Although he had a master's degree in law, Martin Luther became a monk with the hope that he could find peace with God. The Catholic Church stressed God's role as Judge, preached man's desperate sinfulness, and managed, a corrupt system for securing forgiveness. Even Luther's study for the priesthood did not help him feel right in his relationship to God. Then in 1513 he began teaching the Bible: Psalms, Romans, and Galatians. In the next four years he discovered in the Bible what the Church had not taught him. Because of God's grace, a man can be justified (made right in God's sight) only by faith. Strict obedience, worship of relics, purchasing indulgences would never make a man righteous. Faith, not works, is the key. The Reformation started there.

The Lesson Explained  
God's Grace And Man's Faith  
Romans 1:16-17  
Not until Martin Luther began studying the Bible and trying to interpret its message for the people did he discover God's intention in Christ. The gospel of Christ is not to be bought by obedience to law or by making pilgrimages to see bones of the saints. It is freely available to all who believe. Paul summed it up in a quotation from Habbakuk: "The just shall live by faith." When Martin Luther accepted the authority of God's Word above that of the Roman Church, he set the right course.

Law And Death; Faith And Life  
Galatians 2:15-21  
This passage follows immediately the one used in the lesson for June 20. In the RSV and other translations we can tell that Paul's report of his conversation with Peter ended with verse 14. Here he is making a general statement about the common need of both Jews and Gentiles for justification by faith. Although the Jew was more fortunate to have the law, it would not save him; only faith could make him — and the Gentiles — right before God.

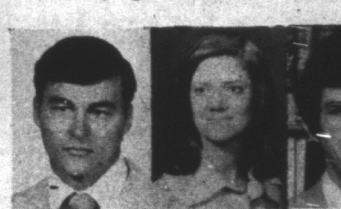
In verses 19-20 we have some highly dramatic and mystical writing. Although it is not clear how it happened, Paul's death to the law meant that its power over his life was no more. He had died to the law so that he "might live unto God." Perhaps he meant that trusting in law would lead to death, but having faith in God was the way of life. Another way of looking at his transformation was in identifying himself with Christ

in crucifixion and resurrection. The change in his life had been so drastic, the realignment of his motives and purpose in life so complete, that he felt the risen Christ was living in him. Faith and life go together.

Faith Exceeds Obedience  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Immediately after the previous passage, this chapter begins: "You stupid Galatians! You must have been bewitched!" (NEB). Paul was amazed that they could be led by the Judaizers to think that becoming a Jew (obeying the law) was prerequisite to becoming a Christian. They were ignoring Paul's preaching that God's grace requires only man's faith.

These verses lead to another grand affirmation. "Faith" in verse 23 is belief in Jesus Christ. Before it could be revealed, the law served as a supervisor-tutor (not "schoolmaster" or teacher) to guide and protect boys in their growing up years. When Christ came, he opened the way for all to become "the children of God by faith." Those who are "baptized into Christ" have taken on the character of Christ (Moffatt). That experience brings together radically different people into one fellowship. While they retain their distinctiveness, the old discriminations of race, class, and sex are gone. In becoming Christ's men by faith, the Galatians became also true sons of Abraham, thus in line to receive God's promise.

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## To Graduate From Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas — Five students from Mississippi will receive degrees during summer commencement exercises to be held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, July 16, 10:00 a.m.: Zane Kirk Crawford, Batesville, MDiv; Patricia O'Quin Kirkpatrick, Jackson, MRE; Thomas Julian Nettles, Brandon, PhD; Jim Riddell, Laurel, DMin; Ann Adair Roberts, Hattiesburg, MRE.

## Prayer Lift For Pastors: July 18-24

Newton July 18

Tommy Titus, Conehatta  
E. L. Clark, Good Hope  
Bill Beam, Lawrence  
J. B. Costlow, Liberty  
Mike Smith, Midway

July 19

David Sellers, Hickory  
Wayne Edwards, Hopewell  
Charles Davis, Mt. Nebo  
Donald Fitzgerald, Mt. Pleasant  
John West, Mt. Vernon

July 20

James Case, New Ireland  
Hardy Denham, Newton, First  
Jon Doler, Pinckney  
Mike Thompson, Rock Branch  
Douglas White, Union

Noxubee July 21

Jerry Zgarba, Brooksville  
H. O. Haywood, Concord  
Carl Hayes, Deerbrook  
Ivor Clark, Elon  
James Landrum, Calvary

July 22

Hugh Poole, Macon, First  
John Williams, Mashulaville  
Roy Hawkins, Shuqualak  
Jack Winscott, Vernon  
Kenneth Overby, West Side

Oktibbeha July 23

Mitchell Ferguson, Adaton  
Jim Vance, Calvary  
Carl Nickels, Double Springs  
James Clark, Emmanuel  
Gene O'Brian, Friendship

July 24

Benny Buckley, Longview  
Randle Poss, Mabon, First  
Wilbur Matthews, Meadowview  
Ed Deuschle, Morgan Chapel  
Dan Robertson, New Hope

## Homecoming At Bunker Hill

Bunker Hill Church of Marion County will be having homecoming on July 18.

The Rev. L. C. Hoff, a former pastor, will be guest preacher for the morning worship service. Lunch will be served at the church. Bunker Hill is a small town of about 100 people.



James and I began the third century of America much like the settlers began the first one—hewing our way through a wilderness.

A while back I wrote about a hill where we dream of building a getaway house. It's so far back into the country there isn't even any electricity, there are no improvements on it, and we don't get down there too often to check on it. A few weeks ago someone called and asked if we knew that a tornado had streaked across our place the day the one hit Canton. We didn't. Later, we went to see the damage, and it is something to behold—huge trees, either uprooted or broken off halfway up, young trees bent over, never to grow straight again — a real tangle of timber, snared by meshes of summer vines and undergrowth. So our Fourth of July gift to us was a chain saw. A lightweight one so that you know — who can learn to use it.

As we struggled with the machete, Kaiser blade, and chain saw, I thought over and over again of those people of long ago, who couldn't even look forward to a warm shower and cooled house after they worked all day. It must have been something else to get up to face those days. Then I thought of the early Christians who had to hew spiritual paths and roads and raise spiritual houses against the sky. Those days must have been something else, too.

I think I was much more grateful for America and for my church when I went to sleep on July sixth than I was on July fourth, because I understood much better. I'd struggled firsthand with a wilderness.

And there's nothing quite like understanding.

## Frank Childress Moves To Alabama

After 10 years and 10 months, Rev. Frank Childress has resigned Pleasant Ridge Church, Woodland, to become pastor of the new church at Bunker Hill.

Under the leadership of Mr. Childress, the church at Bunker Hill is expected to grow.



## Courtney, Clawson To Give Concert At Colonial Heights

Freedom Celebration Sunday is the theme for the annual homecoming at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on July 18th. Plans for this special day include the return of the two former pastors to preach in the morning worship services.

Rev. Sam B. Mason, who served as first pastor of the church, will preach at the 8:30 a.m. service. Mason, presently pastor of the Raymond Church, served from July, 1956 until June, 1972. Rev. Brian L. Harbour, who served from September, 1972 until December, 1974, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. He is presently pastor of the Shiloh Terrace Church in Dallas, Texas.

Following the worship services, an old fashioned dinner on the ground will be served. The church is asking those who come to bring a picnic basket.

Ragan Courtney and Cynthia Clawson will present a musical concert in the church auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Ragan Courtney (actor, poet, writer), is probably best known as the lyricist for Celebrate Life and Beginnings. His acting has taken him to Broadway, TV and several touring companies in the US and Europe. Cynthia Clawson Courtney is a fantastic singer. She was a solo performer on "CBS Newcomers" show, was guest artist on the Lawrence Welk Show, soloist at the Southern Baptist Convention and at Praising in Nashville and Jackson. She has three solo albums to her credit.

The day's activities will conclude with a time of recreation and fellowship. The public is invited to any or all activities.

Rev. Len Turner is the pastor.

## Poplar Springs

### Plans Homecoming

Poplar Springs Church near Hazlehurst will celebrate homecoming day on Sunday, July 18. Plans call for two services, and dinner at the church. Grant McElveen, pastor, will preach.

## Life And Work For July 25

# O God, Our Help

By Bill Duncan

Exodus 5:1-2, 6-8a, 22 Exodus 12:29-34

When God made the world and mankind, he did not wind the world like a clock and then go off to let it run down. The history of mankind is the story of God acting in time to achieve his purposes.

The deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt was according to God's active role in their affairs. The Egyptians may have seen the release of the slaves as a collapse of their economy. The Hebrews had to be convinced as much as the Egyptians of God's role. But God was acting.

Christians need to see that God acts today as effectively as ever. Too often we hold back on tasks because we lack confidence that God can help.

When Moses and Aaron approached Pharaoh with the message of God, "Let my people go," they requested time to go to the land of their God so that they could observe the "pilgrim - feast." Pharaoh must have realized that Moses was seeking permanent release from Egypt for the Hebrews, so he intensified that work of the slaves.

As a result, the people complained to Moses and Aaron for the confusion they had invoked. When the people complained to Moses, Moses then complained to God. Moses had an honest question—"Why?"

Moses' firm stand revealed that he understood that the worsened state was a necessary prelude to freedom. God wanted to put the people in an impossible situation so that they could know of his ability and they would have to choose to serve God.

The battle lines were drawn between God and Pharaoh. The plagues were directed against those things considered sacred by the Egyptians: such as, the river Nile, frogs, cattle, the son, Pharaoh, the first born. The purpose of the plagues was to show who God was and to break the power of the Egyptians over the Hebrews. The acts of God were considered miracles. The Egyptian magicians were able to duplicate

some, but by the third plague the magicians told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."

The result of the plagues was seen in the attitude of Pharaoh. After some of the plagues, it is reported, Pharaoh's heart was hardened. Pharaoh's attitude became worse; he hardened his heart. After other plagues, the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart.

In the whole affair, Pharaoh was a tool of the Lord. Through Pharaoh God would demonstrate his power to the people of the world. By hardening Pharaoh's heart, God showed that the eventual deliverance was through his power rather than by any benevolence on the part of Pharaoh.

"I am the Lord," brings to our minds the responsibility of total dependence on God. Moses and the Hebrews could not extricate themselves from the oppression of Egypt. But with faith in the Lord and total dependency on him to work things out, it was accomplished.

There is never a problem that the Lord will not help us work out. Because He has been faithful in the past, we know we can have security for the future.

I like the last stanza which says in that great hymn:

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Be thou our guard while life shall last  
And our eternal home.

## Mrs. Vernon

### May Dies

Mrs. Vernon (Mae Lee) May, 62, Highway 51 North, Madison, died Thursday, July 1.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., July 3 in Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, with the Rev. Billy McKay, Dr. Earl Kelly and the Rev. W. B. Abel, officiating.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Vernon May, retired Baptist minister, former pastor of First, Louisville Church; two sons, William May of Dallas, Tex., and Simeon May of Jackson; one brother, Eugene Jenkins of Marlow, Okla.; and one granddaughter, Karen Ann May.

Mrs. May was the former Mae Lee Jenkins of Ridgeland. She was a former state president of Mississippi Baptist W. M. U. and former vice-president of W.M.U., S.B.C.



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## Batesville Pastor Visits Mission Points In Montana

By Robert E. Self, Pastor  
First Church, Batesville

I confess — I really didn't know what was going on, nor did I have that deep feeling about pioneer missions in the Northwest that others talk about with regularity. Recent experiences have changed that!

Through the generosity and care of the good folks of First Baptist, Batesville, I went to Great Falls, Montana and led in revival services at the First Southern Baptist Church. Native Mississippian Rev. Bob Maddux serves as pastor of this fine church. Bob was anxious to share Montana and pioneer missions with me. We visited mission points daily and gathered information about the Northern Plains area in general.

It is a vast region, greatly under-churched. Towns of two and three thousand people exist without any evangelical witness and in most areas, these "new" churches are struggling. It is an area of extremes of many kinds. Most ethnic groups are there. The people range from squatters to ranchers with 100 square miles of land, from the super rich to the unbelievably poor. The extremes of the weather are legendary. Alcohol and divorce are major problems. The absence of any spiritual concern is quite evident for so many.

Reflection upon that week has touched me, so that now more than ever, I am CONVINCED that we are there for good reason and that the ministry that we are performing is worthwhile. I am convinced that this ministry would largely go undone if we were not there. One burly Montanan, a plumber by trade, grasped my hand on that last night and said, "Thank God for Mississippi Baptists. My whole family has been saved through pioneer missions."

I am now more CONCERNED about the needs of that area. These needs include buildings, money, prayer and in a very great way, personnel. In the area of Great Falls alone, the mission needs are seemingly without end. The vast Blackfeet Indian reservation is in the Northwestern part of Montana. We greatly need an older couple, trained in and committed to that ministry. In Valler,

we have secured a building that once housed an Orthodox congregation and have begun a mission there. A nearby pastor leads in this mission effort. The Donnie Bond family from Magee serves in Conrad. God is blessing the work there. When he arrived last fall, a total of seven people were at worship, five of whom were members of his family. More than 40 now attend regularly. The needs are great.

The total experience has led me to be genuinely COMMITTED to this ministry. I am committed to pray for the people there, for the laborers as well as for the harvest. The pulpit ministry will emphasize the needs of the "pioneers." We will give. We are committed to share what God has given to us. Our church recently established a Missions Endowment Fund in the initial amount of \$62,500.00 with the returns to be used in mission work above and beyond our continuing commitment through the Cooperative Program. Part of this will go toward pioneer missions.

### Missionaries' Parents Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Inman Merritt of Macedonia were honored on June 20 at the community center in Petal, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Merritts were married July 17, 1926, by the late Rev. A. C. Parker. Mrs. Merritt is 82, and Mr. Merritt is 79.

They have four children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Joel Davis of Marianna, Florida; Mrs. Ralph Davis, missionary to Ghana; Rev. John Wesley Merritt, missionary to West Germany; and J. P. Merritt of Hattiesburg. (Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Davis have been living in Poplarville several months, while on furlough, and were present for the anniversary party. They returned to Ghana this week.)

Rev. Garland McInnis, Hattiesburg, brought a devotional message, and also performed the wedding ceremony beginning the Merritts' "second half-century of wedded life."



### Summer Missions Orientation

Orientation for summer missionaries working in Mississippi was held at the Baptist Building. Those from Mississippi are Joe Anne McDowell, Pearl; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Waddle, New Albany; Sammy McMillen, New Albany; Wanda Simmons, Tchula; Carlton McNeer, Pickens; Bill Jones, Lambert; and Sandy Blake, Greenwood. Others are Sherry Hightower, Griffin, Ga.; Sarah Vickery, Pickens, S. C.; Phyllis Mitchell, Saluda, S. C.; and Mark and Catherine Maddux, Marion, Ind. Meeting with the summer missionaries are Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rodney Webb and Ray Grissett, consultants in the department; J. D. Lundy, director of missions for Holmes-Leflore Association, and Guy Culver, director of missions for Union County Association.



### Study Course Promotion

A Church Study Course Promotion Committee has recently been appointed by Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The purpose of this committee is to inform Mississippi Baptist church leaders of the Church Study Course in its revised form. Encouragement will be given to the use of this system in the perennial need for the training of church leaders. Plans are being formulated for promoting and using the Church Study Course in the local church, association, and state. A special feature of the plan will include recognition in churches, associations and in the state. All committee members are Convention Board staff members. Judd R. Allen, second from left, is chairman. Others are, left to right, Miss Evelyn George, Leon Emery, Mrs. Nan Grantham, Paul Harrell, and Miss Ethel McKeithen.

## Revival Dates

Mt. Moriah (Lincoln): July 18-23; Dr. Lewis Rhodes, retired pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and former pastor at Mt. Moriah, evangelist; Robert Galbraith, director of research and projects at USM, singer; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Larry Barlow, pastor; homecoming on July 18.

Ebenezer, Senatobia: July 11-15; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ervin Brown, director of associational missions, Hernando, evangelist; Kenneth Hopkins, minister of music and education, Independence, music; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor.

First Church, Newton: July 16-18; youth-led revival; Buddy Mathis, youth evangelist from Pascagoula, graduate of MC, preacher and trumpet soloist; Dewitt Pickering, minister of music and youth, directing youth on various preparation committees; Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor.

Bethel Church, Brandon: July 18-25; Rev. J. W. Wallis, pastor of First Church, Vienna, Georgia, evangelist; Dean Hunter, minister of education, First Church of Pearl, singer; services at 7:30 p.m. and 10 a.m.; Rev. Elton Moore pastor.

Coldwater (Neshoba): July 11-16; Rev. Albert McMullen, pastor, evangelist; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First, Shelby: July 11-18; Lee Castro, the Gospel Singing Troubadour from Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist; Rev. James Duke, pastor, services at 7:30 each night; a 12 o'clock noon service, and Friday; Mr. Castro will sing, preach, lead the congregation, and bring the special music in all services.

Union Church, Route 2, Seminary (Covington): July 18-23; Sunday at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon; during week at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Jimmy Nettles, Crusade for Christ evangelist.

Mt. Vernon (Mississippi): July 18-21; Lonnie Shull, pastor of Northside, West Columbia, S. C., and former pastor of Mt. Vernon, evangelist; Tom Vassar, pastor, song leader; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; Mon. - Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Friendship, McComb: July 18-23; J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor, First, McComb, evangelist; Curtis Brewster, minister of music, First, Summit, music evangelist; services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ray Pridgen, pastor.

Cruger Church: July 18-23; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Luther J. Slay, leader of WIN Ministries, Pilot Point, Texas, evangelist; Wayne Slay, son of the evangelist, singer; James C. Carr, pastor.

Wellman (Lincoln): July 12-18; Rev. Mack Walker of Vidalia, La., evangelist; Rev. Fred Morris, pastor.

Bethel (Copliah): July 18-25; Ricky E. Kennedy, pastor; Arnold Robinson of Hickory, evangelist; services nightly at 7:30; dinner on the ground Sunday, July 18 with a 1:30 p.m. service.

First Church, Ocean Springs: July 16-18; services at 7:30 p.m.; youth revival; Jr. Meringo, preaching; Steve Chastain, singing; Carol Jones, pianist; Paul D. Aultman, pastor; Paula Smith, singing and leading fellowships.

First Church, Eudora: July 18-23; John L. Perkins, pastor, evangelist; Mrs. Jane Ward, leading music; homecoming on July 18, with dinner at the church.

Pleasant Hill (Greene): July 11-16; Francis Holder, pastor of Good Hope Church, Richton, evangelist; Bobby Shands, Hattiesburg; pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Highland, Jackson: July 18-23; Jay Strack, Fort Worth, Texas, evangelist; 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. during week.

Wanilla: July 11-16; services 10:30 and 7:30; James Messer, speaker; Dewey Nelson, singer; Ralph Cranford, pastor.

West Shady Grove (Webster): July 18-23; John O. McMullen, pastor, Blythe Creek, Mathiston, evangelist; Robert Hill, pastor.

Straight Bayou (Sharkey-Issa-queena) July 18-23; Sunday 11 and 7; Weekdays: 8:30 Radio WELZ; 10:30 and 8:00; Cornell Daughtry, BSU Director, Delta Junior College, evangelist; Tommy Kelly, Itta Bena, singer; Bobby Whittington, Clarksdale, pianist; J. Harold Jones, pastor.

## Devotional

### A Faith That Pleases God

By Roy Myers, Pastor, Mt. Zion, Independence  
Hebrews 11:6

One of the great chapters in the Bible is Hebrews 11 where we read about the heroes of faith. These were men and women just like us, and they had a faith that was pleasing to God. The people of today should be no different. In the present world with all of its highly sophisticated scientific data and technology, it is hard for man to have a faith that pleases God. May we look at the characteristic of a faith that pleases God?

A faith that sings praises God. In the dark moments of life people have found strength in the hymns that tell of God's promises. Jesus gave us an example of a singing faith at the first Lord's Supper. He knew that Gethsemane and Calvary were ahead of him and the scripture tells us that they sang a hymn at this time. Some of the hymns we love came out of a time of crisis in the author's life.

A faith that serves pleases God. The Bible gives us a number of examples. Noah worked for 120 years in building the ark. Abraham waited for a son to carry his name. Rahab had faith to hide the spies. This ought to challenge us to a greater service. A serving faith is always supplied by God. Paul worded it this way, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

A faith that stands pleases God. Men's faith must stand when the going is difficult. God expects man to take a stand for Him at all times, not just when it is easy and convenient. Sin is sin at all times and God, being a holy God, has a right to demand that man take a stand for righteousness and true holiness.

Job is a good example of a faith that stands. God's blessings surrounded him, but God permitted the Devil to take all of his blessings away but his very life. Job's faith stood the test as we hear him say, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

The world around us needs to see faith like this in the life and action of each one who professes to be a child of God. Ask yourself, "Does my faith please God?"



### Burns Church Burns Note

Burns Church recently burned the note on their new church building, completed in 1974, and now debt free. The church in the past few years has paid the building debt, and also has increased their mission giving to the Cooperative Program, and associational missions by more than 50%. Left to right: S. L. Stewart, Braxton Hawkins, deacons, G. T. Henderson, pastor, Gavan Bishop, and R. H. Henderson, deacons.



### \$3,000 Gift Is Presented To Paul Broadway

Ill health has caused the resignation of Rev. Paul Broadway as pastor of the Gooden Lake Church (Humphreys).

In honor of Broadway (fondly called Bro. Paul) Humphreys Association designated June 20 as "Paul Broadway Day," the eight churches in the association taking a love offering, which amounted to \$3,107.00. This gift was presented to Bro. Paul at the associational pastors and wives supper at Eastside Church in Belzoni, on June 19, 1977.

Mr. Broadway moved to the Gooden Lake Church in 1960. During his pastorate of sixteen years, the membership has grown from 162 to 247, with a Sunday School enrollment growth from 25 to 88. A new church plant was completed in 1977.

Mrs. Broadway is the former Jean Malone from Clarksdale. The Broadways have two children, Randy, 20, and Trudy, 16.

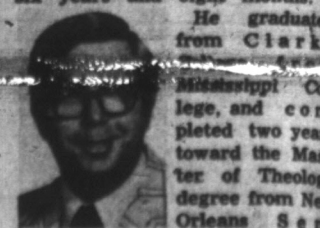
The Broadways will make their home in Belzoni.

### Coldwater (Neshoba) Calls McMullen

Rev. Albert H. McMullen has assumed the pastorate of Coldwater Church in Neshoba County. He moved to Coldwater from Antioch Church in Neshoba County where he served as pastor for six years and eight months.

He graduated from Clarke College, and completed two years toward the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Janell Wilkinson of Meridian, and they have four children.



## N. O. Church To Dedicate New Building

Lake Forest Church, 3821 Morrison Road, New Orleans, will dedicate their new building the week of July 18-23, according to the pastor, Thomas J. Murphy.

A special dedication service will be held Sunday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m. Richard Luebbert will preach the dedicatory sermon. Lunch will be served at the church July 18. Out-of-town guests may have housing accommodations in the homes of members of the church, if they desire to do so.

Each evening at 7:30, Monday-Friday, a guest speaker will be featured. These speakers are to be: Monday, Dr. Robert Covington; Tuesday, Dr. Harold Bryson; Wednesday, Dr. Landrum P. Leavell; Thursday, Dr. Robert L. Lee; and Friday, Dr. Mercer C. Irwin.

## Friendship East To Dedicate Educational Building

Friendship East Church, Tallahatchie County, will dedicate a new education building on July 18 at 2 p.m. Rev. J. E. Jolley will deliver the dedication message, assisted by Rev. Donald O'Quinn of First Church, Charleston.

The all-purpose facility has classrooms for 100 people. It is to be used for recreational activities, conferences and fellowship.

This dedication is to be in memory of the late J. R. Nelson, who was chairman of the building committee. The committee includes Mr. and Mrs. Travis Shaw, Harvey, Ethridge, Mrs. Vera Tribble, and Emily Smith. Rev. J. G. Thomas is the pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Verona: Homer Martinez, evangelist; Raymond L. Glover, pastor; 21 professions of faith; six by letter; one surrendering to preach; eight surrendering for life-time special work; 23 surrendering for Special WIN Teams, 23 rededications.



### Dumas Church Dedicates Sanctuary

Members of Dumas Church recently dedicated their new 400-seat, \$87,700 sanctuary, as well as its new furniture. Building and Finance Committee members were Leland Wigington, Dorey Davis, Carl Roberts, Delane Hatcher, Johnny Hill, Bonnie Hill, Margie Orman, Rachel Cappleman, and Danny Bullock. Rev. Billy W. Baker is the pastor.



### French Camp To Build Pastorium

Ground was broken recently for a pastorium for French Camp Church. Land was donated by David Warren, a member. Left to right: Rev. A. R. Smith, former pastor; Rev. James Drane, director of missions (Choctaw) Ansel Curtis, deacon; Leland Taylor, deacon; Hudson Chastain, deacon and chairman of building committee; Harold Love, deacon, and Rev. Jesse McMillan, pastor.